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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, NP

SUBJ: EXPANSION PLANS OF NEPAL AIRLINES

1. AFTER A LENGTHY PERIOD OF STRONG RUMORS, ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES CORPORATION (RNAC) IS FINALLY OPENLY ADMITTING THAT A DEFINITE DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO PURCHASE AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL JET. FROM COMMENTS MADE BY GENERAL MANAGER D.B. RANA, THE SELECTION MOST PROBABLY WILL BE A BOEING 707 REPEAT 707. THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO BUY NEW FROM BOEING OR SECOND-HAND FROM ANOTHER AIRLINE IS TO BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. AN EXPANDED MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH AIR WEST, WITH WHOSE PERFORMANCE RNAC HAS BEEN "MOST SATISFIED," IS ALSO A VIRTUAL CERTAINTY.

2. THIS PROCUREMENT IS CLOSELY LINKED TO THE OPENING OF NEW RNAC INTERNATIONAL ROUTES. UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION ARE HONG KONG, KARACHI AND KABUL. (ALTHOUGH RANA WOULD NOT ADMIT, ANOTHER POSSIBILITY SEEMS TO BE TEHRAN.) CONFIRMATION OF NEW ROUTES IS EXPECTED WITHIN TWO OR THREE MONTHS. CARGO

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